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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 December 2008.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 8-17 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 8-13 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 14-17 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election with traverse of Species III, Oligomer of a linear olefin compound having 6 to 30 carbon atoms in the reply filed on 12/08/2008 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that the office has not provided any reasons or examples to support a conclusion that the species are indeed patentably distinct. This is not found persuasive because the species fall into patentably distinct class/subclasses:

- a. Species I: 528/32.1
- b. Species II: 528/295.3
- c. Species III: 524/491

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

2. Claims 8-13 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected species of Groups I and II, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on 12/08/2008.

3. In response to the applicants remarks citing that Group III encompasses claims 1, 5, and 7 (cancelled claims) a telephone call was made to Stefan Koschieder on 12/16/2008 to clarify which amended claims, 8-17, fall within the Group III species. Mr. Koschieder confirmed that claims 14-17 encompass Group III and that claims 8-13 are withdrawn from consideration with traverse.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) The invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 14-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,355,130 to *Heinze*.

Heinze discloses a polyalphaolefin extended polyurethane system comprising the reaction product of an isocyanate terminated polyisocyanate with a polyol in the presence of a polyalphaolefin (Abstract). Heinz discloses the ratio of NCO to OH groups in the polyurethane to be 80 parts NCO to 100 parts OH groups and 50 parts NCO to 80 parts OH groups (Example 2, Parts D with P and Parts B with N). Heinz further discloses the polyalphaolefins are produced by polymerizing decene-1, which is a linear olefin having 10 carbon atoms, to produce trimers and tetramers (Column 4, lines 19-20). The amount of polyalphaolefin ranges from 10 to 40 parts per 100 parts of isocyanate (Example 2, Table, and Column 6). Heinz further discloses that resulting polyurethanes are suitable for molds (Column 2, line 18).

CONCLUSION

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MICHAEL LEONARD whose telephone number is (571)270-7450. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday, 8:00am EST to 5:00pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Sample can be reached on 5712721376. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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